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Remarks

In view of the following discussion, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are in allowable form.

REJECTIONS**A. 35 U. S. C. § 102****1. Claims 1-13 are not anticipated by Ide et al.**

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ide et al. (Japanese Patent Application JP 2-094784 published April 5, 1990). The applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by this reference.

Referring to FIGS. 1A-3, the invention as recited in claims 1 and 8, respectively, concerns a projection display (see, Applicant's Specification at page 1, lines 11-12). The projection display has both visible and concealed surfaces during normal operation (see, Applicant's Specification at FIGS. 1A-2B and page 2, lines 2-10). The projection display includes a jack panel 40 having one or more electrical connectors for making electrical connections to the projection display (see, Applicant's Specification at FIG. 2B and page 3, lines 8-9). The jack panel 40 is accessible from at least one visible surface 30 and at least one concealed surface 23 (See, Applicant's Specification at FIGS. 1B-3 and page 3, line 17 to page 4, line 7).

Ide et al. is directed to a projection display (see, Ide et al. at FIG. 1). In Ide et al., the projection display includes a jack panel 34 that is only accessible via concealed surface 6 (see, Ide et al. at FIGS. 11 and 13). No access is provided to jack panel 34 from a visible surface of the projection display.

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The Examiner indicates that element 12, shown in FIG. 2 of Ide et al. includes an accessible door panel opening to another front input jack panel. However, applicant's claims 1 and 8 recite a completely different structure where a single jack panel that is accessible from both a visible surface and a concealed surface. Ide et al. only recites jack panels that are accessible from one of a visible surface or a concealed surface, not from both surfaces as in applicant's claims 1 and 8. As such, claims 1 and 8 are patentable over Ide et al.

Claims 2-7 and 9-13 depend directly, or indirectly, from claims 1 or 8, respectively. In view of the above discussion with respect to claims 1 and 8, claims 2-7 and 9-13 are also patentable over Ide et al.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants submit that none of the claims, presently in the application, are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102. Consequently, the applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

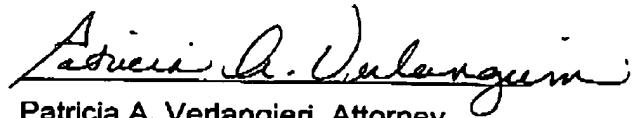
If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application,

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it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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